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The Board of Directors, National Construction Authority,

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Valued partners,

Good Morning.

It is no secret that the future of this country, particularly when it comes to development, lies in the construction industry. Some of the biggest gains we can claim as a country in the recent past, from the super highways, bypass connections, standard gauge railway and even upgrade of our ports are all within the industry.

The onus now lies with us to take things to the next level. It's not enough just to lay down the infrastructure; it needs to be better, faster, more efficient, more user friendly, environmentally sustainable and it must also ease the cost of doing business. Such gains, of course, can only be achieved through research. How do we build better? How do we ensure we are conscious of our environment as the concrete jungle encroaches on natural habitats? How do we take full advantage of technology to ensure we can build twice as much with half the time?

Research is an area the Authority takes very seriously. We have been mandated to not only commission research into the industry and disseminate its findings, but also to maintain a construction industry information system that ensures we share the pool of knowledge that lies with the experts in this field.

The first Annual Construction Research Conference and Exhibition proved to us that this was a platform the industry sorely needed, and now, three years on and already the biggest event of its kind in the region, we can only look to go from strength to strength.

I'd like to acknowledge the steadfast support of our parent Ministry who have partnered with us from the onset, and to fellow government agencies and industry players who are all ready to see the industry make its mark in the journey towards development.

ACORCE 2017 is yet another platform for all of us to show what we are bringing to the table, to celebrate the great minds and innovative ideas that are set to change how we view construction henceforth. Prepare to be blown away, to be inspired and to be spurred to action.

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